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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR MANN

1. BILL ROGERS AND I MET WITH GUYANESE AMBASSADOR MANN ON JUNE 29.

2. MANN SOUGHT REPORT ON SECRETARY'S COMMITMENT TO WILLS TO RAISE GUYANESE BORDER CONCERNS WITH BRAZILIANS AND VENEZUELANS AT SANTIAGO. WE ADVISED HIM THAT MATTER WAS RAISED, BUT THAT NEITHER FOREIGN MINISTER SEEMED TERRIBLY CONCERNED ABOUT GUYANA, THE VENEZUELANS EVEN LESS SO THAN BRAZILIANS. WE NOTED OUR INDICATIONS THAT NEITHER COUNTRY HAD ANY SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIVITY IN BORDER AREAS WITH GUYANA.

3. MANN SEEMED PLEASED WITH ORAL ASSURANCES THAT SECRETARY HAD PROVIDED WILLS CONCERNING DESTABILIZATION CHARGES, AND HE ASKED FOR WRITTEN STATEMENT SUITABLE FOR PUBLIC RELEASE. WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN THIS FOR DISPATCH TO WILLS

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THROUGH YOU.

4. IN REGARD TO "DESTABILIZATION" THEME, MANN NOTED THIS HAD BECOME POLITICALLY USEFUL IN GUYANA BUT IS ALSO BECOMING EXPENSIVE, SINCE GUYANA IS STARTING TO PURCHASE SIGNIFICANT NEW ARMS (NATURE OF WHICH HE DID NOT SPECIFY). HE ADDED THAT HE IS BEGINNING TO WORRY ABOUT "STATE OF MIND" DEVELOPING IN GUYANESE CABINET, BUT IN ANY EVENT, US SHOULD NOT, REPEAT NOT, WORRY; IT IS ONLY POLITICS, MANN SAID.

5. WE TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THAT DESTABILIZATION THEME, ARTIFICIALLY GENERATED THROUGHOUT CARIBBEAN, DOES INDEED BOTHER US, PARTICULARLY SINCE IT COULD IN SOME PLACES, LIKE JAMAICA, CONTRIBUTE TO POSSIBLE VIOLENCE DIRECTED TOWARD AMERICAN CITIZENS.

6. FINALLY, MANN GAVE US HIS IMPRESSIONS OF PUERTO RICAN POLITICAL SITUATION, WHICH JIBED WITH REPORT YOU RECEIVED FROM WILLS.

7. TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION BEING SENT BY POUCH. KISSINGER

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